

MINUTES
SOUTH CAROLINA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
August 26, 2015
South Carolina Aerospace Industry Conference and Expo

Commission Members in Attendance

George P. Waters, District 1
Ira E. Coward, District 2
John R. Hunt, District 3
Matthew J. Kappel, Vice-Chairman, District 4
William C. VanAntwerp, District 5
Carroll W. Joye, District 6
Gerald E. Harmon, M.D., District 7

Aeronautics Staff in Attendance

James Stephens, Executive Director
Paul Werts, Program Manager
Melody Mikell, Finance Director
Ericka Thomas, Recording Secretary

Commission Member(s) Absent

Delphin A. Gantt, Jr., Chairman At-Large

Visitors:

Barbara Clark, Jasper County Council Chairwoman
Steve Gould, SC Aviation Association
Andrew Fulghum, Jasper County Administrator
Steve Hedges, AOPA

Ken Holt, Holt Consulting
Paul Holt, Holt Consulting
Mark Kuttrus, Parsons Brinkerhoff
Don Purcell, SC Aviation Association

Welcome & Call to Order

Vice -Chairman Kappel called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. and announced a quorum in attendance. He welcomed everyone, and *Commissioner Waters* gave the invocation.

Approval of Minutes

Vice-Chairman Kappel presented the minutes of June 27, 2015, Commission meeting and asked if anyone had any edits or corrections. Since none were forthcoming, the minutes were approved as written.

Financial, Budget, & Executive Director's Reports

Mr. Stephens presented the financials as of June 30, 2015, for the FY 2014-2015, showing the ending cash balance of \$385,703. The State Aviation Fund received an additional \$329,178.68, bringing the annual State Aviation Fund revenue to \$1,999,412.99. This addition brings the State Aviation Fund balance to \$5,905,073.94. As of June 30, 2015, the total commitments and expenditures from the State Aviation Fund were \$4,681,552.93 leaving \$1,223,521.01 cash available for grants and projects.

Mr. Stephens then presented the financials as of July 31, 2015, for the FY 2015-2016, showing the net Operating at \$1,764,089 with a cash balance of \$2,135,934. The State Aviation Fund received \$127,533.89, bringing the annual State Aviation Fund balance to \$3,601,450.02. As of July 31, 2015, the total commitments and expenditure from the State Aviation Fund were \$3,213,376.56 leaving \$388,073.46 cash which will be available for grants and projects.

Mr. Stephens presented the Director's Report and asked for any questions or discussions. Mr. Stephens met with Dan Mann of CAE to continue discussions on the redrawing of the current lease lines as well as the future projects that will be taking place within the next year. In addition, Mr. Stephens gave an update on the SCAC ramp rehabilitation which will be delayed until the lease negotiations are completed with CAE.

Airport Development

Mr. Werts gave the Commission updates on airports within the state and presented the information on the grants being submitted to the Commission for approval. *Commissioner Harmon* made a **Motion** to approve funding for the five projects as presented, *Commissioner Waters* seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

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AIRPORT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	FAA GRANT	LOCAL SHARE	STATE SHARE	TOTAL PROJECT COST
Greenville Regional Airport	Design and bidding services for an aircraft rescue fire fighting facility (ARFF)	\$347,750	\$19,320	\$19,319	\$386,389
Greenville Downtown Airport	RWY 19 approach obstruction removal	\$149,913	\$8,329	\$8,328	\$166,570
Beaufort County Airport	Design services for RWY 7 tree removal, environmental assessment services for runway safety area improvements and the site area to complete a full parallel taxiway	\$355,048	\$19,725	\$19,725	\$394,498
Darlington County Airport	Install new runway edge lights on RWY 5/23, remove asphalt pavement shoulders, update Exhibit A	\$550,525	\$30,585	\$30,585	\$611,695
Oconee County Regional	Construct new stub taxiway "A-2", re-designate taxiway signage, and remark the airfield	\$655,899	\$36,439	\$36,439	\$728,777
GRAND TOTAL		\$2,059,135	\$114,398	\$114,396	\$2,287,929

South Carolina Aviation Association	A- Palmetto Aviation Quarterly Newsletter (\$18K) B- Aviation Safety Council Support Services (\$10K) C- Airport Safety and Maintenance Program (\$2K) D- Aviation Hall of Fame (\$2K) E- Aviation Week Support Services (\$19K) F- Ambassador Passport Program (\$2K)			\$55,000	
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District Reports

Commissioner Waters – No report.

Commissioner Coward – No report.

Commissioner Hunt – Reported that Oconee County Airport Manager, Sam Carver is no longer at the airport and that Kevin Short will be the interim for the next two months.

Vice Chairman Kappel – Reported that the Greenville-Spartanburg Airport is increasing their radar capacity, so there is no radar under 4,000 feet at this time.

Commissioner VanAntwerp – No report.

Commissioner Joye – No report.

Commissioner Harmon – No report.

New/Other Business

Steve Hedges from AOPA presented information to the Commission on the Pilot's Bill of Rights 2 which is currently under consideration in the US Congress. Mr. Hedges stated that this bill would eliminate the requirement for private pilots to obtain a Third Class Medical certificate to operate a non-commercial flight with no more than five passengers. Mr. Hedges and AOPA requested the support of the Commission on this Bill.

At the request of the Commission, Ken Holt and Paul Holt from Holt Consulting presented an update on the Ridgeland Airport Runway Realignment project. This presentation showed the four phases of the project, from the land acquisition to the build out. As of this date, they are in the land acquisition phase and have closed on several parcels with seven properties to be purchased through the fee simple process with additional parcels that are ready to be closed on in the near future.

Adjournment

There being no further business; **Vice-Chairman Kappel** moved the meeting be adjourned, **Commissioner Harmon** seconded, and all approved.


Gerald E. Harmon, M.D.
Commission Secretary


Ericka D. Thomas
Commission Recording Secretary

November 19, 2015 Date


Delphin A. Gantt, Jr.
Commission Chairman


Matthew J. Kappel, Esq.
Commission Vice-Chairman

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